

Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara

Celebration Luncheon

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WITH THE SPARKLING PACIFIC as a backdrop, Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara hosted their 9th Annual Celebration Luncheon at Four Seasons Resort The Biltmore's Coral Casino in celebration of inspirational women from our community.

The celebration featured their two books *Letters from the Heart* and *More Letters from the Heart* as well as inspirational speeches from retired advertising executive and author Betty Rosness and Kathy Ireland, CEO, Chief Designer of Kathy Ireland Worldwide.

"This year's Celebration Luncheon continues the tradition of celebrating girls, women, and the future. For over 50 years, Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara has inspired girls to dream of successful futures and empowered them to make their dreams come true," shared Monica Spear, Executive Director of Girls Incorporated of Greater Santa Barbara. "This is only possible due to the tremendous support of our



Girls Inc. girls (back): Aubriana Coker, Alyssa Mendoza, and Monique Unzueta. Front: Monica Spear, Exec Dir. Girls Inc. of Greater SB; Kathy Ireland, guest speaker; and Barbara Ireland



Sarah Stokes, Girls Inc. Board President; Honoree and Author Betty Rosness; and Lois Capps, Congresswoman

community and, specifically, through the contributions of our community's women, who so enthusiastically share their life experiences and serve as role models."

With 350 guests in attendance, the event garnered \$60,000 that will be used to support girls ages five to 18 years to attend Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara and participate in educational, research-based, award winning enrichment programs.

For more information call 963-4757 or visit www.girlsincsb.org



Back: Margo Chapman; Nancy Chase; Marile Levy; Susan Bjork; and Susan Egan. Front: Janet Wolf, 2nd District Supervisor; Mary Howe-Grant Table Host and Past-Pres. GI Board; Dilling Yang; and Kristin Loomis



Girls Inc. Scholarship Recipients Catalina Ortega and Cielo Ortega with mom Elva Cosio

Donna Karan Fashion Show Benefits Girls Inc.

GIRLS INC. OF GREATER SANTA BARBARA supporters and fashionistas gathered at an exclusive Donna Karan New York Fashion Show at Saks Fifth Avenue recently.

The event featured Donna Karan New York's Resort 2010 Ready-to-Wear & Handbag Collections. Ten percent of the proceeds raised that evening were to benefit Girls Inc.

The event was made possible due to Diana MacFarlane, who as a Donna Karan Ambassador, organized the event and selected Girls Inc as the non-profit that would benefit.

The Donna Karan Ambassador Program highlights prominent Donna Karan customers from around the world who best represent the spirit of Donna's philanthropic nature. These Ambassadors will host Donna Karan seasonal trunk shows and events in their markets, tied into charitable awareness and fundraising.



Sheila Zimmerman, longtime supporter and Past President of the Girls Inc. Board; Diana MacFarlane, Donna Karan Ambassador; Ariene Larsen; and Joyce Shaar



Paul Suding, Bridget Murphy, and Renee Grubb all from Village Properties

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